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The 126th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 126th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1046, "An Act Providing for the Prescribing and Administering of Naloxone."

Drug abuse is a problem in Maine, especially with opioids. We must do more to prohibit these drugs from falling into the hands of those who abuse them, and my administration is committed to doing just that. However, this bill would make it easier for those with substance abuse problems to push themselves to the edge, or beyond. It provides a false sense of security that abusers are somehow safe from overdose if they have a prescription nearby. Offering temporary relief without medical or treatment oversight will not combat drug use. It is not the right policy for Maine.

For these reasons, I return LD 1046 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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